

Dear Judge,

Being a law-abiding citizen typing this letter I am in complete and total shock finding out about Lenny Degnan's guilty verdict after a trial that I for one truly thought would come back as NOT GUILTY. Since I have known Lenny he has always been a very honest and helpful person he has an outstanding character and I know for sure I would seriously vouch for him with no questions asked. The type of person he truly is would not be capable of committing crimes that people have said he has committed. I don't understand how a person can be considered guilty BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT if the burden of proof was not there. I truly believe this is a case where people decided his fate by reading the newspaper articles that are truly biased against certain people like him and many others to begin with and that right there is not fair.

I guess that's neither here nor there because the trial has ended. What I am asking is to please take into consideration that Lenny is truly a law-abiding citizen, a legit businessman who performs all of his duties by the book to support his family. I have seen this first hand and I know what type of person he is and he is definitely not a criminal. I have nothing to gain by typing this letter, he does not owe me anything and neither I owe him, I do owe it to god to speak on what is right when we are speaking of Lenny Degnan. This is a perfect example of a person being falsely accused and sentenced to jail time even when they are completely innocent. Please, I do ask of you to take into consideration the facts, the actual proof on this case against Lenny and then use your judgment. I am positively sure that your judgment and understanding about what "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" is on this case would actually be different then what the outcome of this case was.

I am currently attending college majoring in criminal justice. I understand that a crook, a killer, a molester and all those other sick people need to be taken off the streets but Lenny is neither of these people he doesn't deserve to be in jail for a crime he didn't commit. It is not fair and definitely not constitutional for a person to be in jail for a crime they did not commit. Please take this letter into consideration and understand that being harsh on Lenny wouldn't help anyone but the people who lied in order to put him in this situation to begin with. The people who did this would have to face god one day and I am pretty sure that right about now they may feel the guilt. I am just hoping that they would feel enough guilt to bring out the actual truth that would keep an innocent man out of jail.

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